

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In addition, one production method of the aforementioned support for an exhaust gas purification catalyst of the present invention comprises impregnating a solution of an acidic metal salt and a sol solution obtained by hydrolyzing and partially condensing a metal alkoxide into the pores of a porous catalyst base material followed by firing to form a metal oxide support layer.